



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Research Track Assessment for Gulf of Maine Haddock

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS will convene the Research Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting for the purpose of reviewing Gulf of Maine haddock stock. The Research Track Assessment Peer Review is a formal scientific peer-review process for evaluating and presenting stock assessment results to managers for fish stocks in the offshore U.S. and Canadian waters of the northwest Atlantic. Assessments are prepared by the research track working group and reviewed by an independent panel of stock assessment experts from the Center of Independent Experts (CIE). The public is invited to attend the presentations and discussions between the review panel and the scientists who have participated in the stock assessment process.

DATES: The public portion of the Research Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting will be held from January 25, 2022 – January 27, 2022. The meeting will conclude on January 27, 2022 at 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the daily meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via WebEx.

Link: <https://noaanmfs-meets.webex.com/noaanmfs-meets/j.php?MTID=mac73d9098b946224d02f64d3d429d0b3>.

Meeting number (access code): 199 778 2220.

Meeting password: hZ3XXiStH28.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Michele Traver, phone: 508-257-

1642; email: michele.traver@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please visit the

Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) website at

[https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic)

[assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic). For additional

information about research track assessment peer review, please visit the NEFSC

webpage at [https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/research-track-stock-assessments)

[assessments/research-track-stock-assessments](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/research-track-stock-assessments).

Daily Meeting Agenda – Research Track Peer Review Meeting

The agenda is subject to change; all times are approximate and may be changed at the discretion of the Peer Review Chair.

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Welcome/Logistics Introductions/Agenda/ Conduct of Meeting	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead Russ Brown, PopDy Branch Chief Richard Merrick, Panel Chair	
10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	TOR #3	Charles Perretti	Survey Data
11:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel	
12 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Public Comment	Public	
12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Lunch		
12:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	TOR #2	Charles Perretti	Catch Data
2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel	
2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Public Comment	Public	
2:35 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Wrap up	Review Panel	
3 p.m.	Adjourn		

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Welcome/Logistics	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead Richard Merrick, Panel Chair	
10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	TORs #1, #9, and #10	Charles Perretti	Ecosystem, Recruitment Processes, and Density Dependent Growth
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	TOR #4	Charles Perretti	Mortality, Recruitment and Biomass Estimates
12:15 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel	
12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Public Comment	Public	
12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch		
1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	TORs #5 and #6	Charles Perretti	BRPs and Projections
2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel	
2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Public Comment	Public	
2:45 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Wrap up	Review Panel	
3 p.m.	Adjourn		

Thursday, January 27, 2022

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Welcome/Logistics	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead Richard Merrick, Panel Chair	
10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	TORs #8 and #7	Charles Perretti Brian Linton	Alternative Assessment Approach and Research Recommendations
11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel	
11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Public Comment	Public	
11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Wrap up	Review Panel	
12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Lunch		
12:45 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Report Writing	Review Panel	

3 p.m.	Adjourn		
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The meeting is open to the public; however, during the ‘Report Writing’ session on Thursday, January 27th, the public should not engage in discussion with the Peer Review Panel.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Special requests should be directed to Michele Traver, via email.

Dated: January 20, 2022.

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